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Ms. Vicki Fretwell Office of President of the Maryland Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re:

First Citizens Award - March 3, 2005

Dear Vicki:

Thanks for your cooperation and help in the First Citizen's 2005 Award. I enclose some information on my work as Chairman of the thirty-one former U.S. Senators and Representatives and Former European Parliament members who monitored the Ukraine Presidential Election (December 22-29, 2004). I also participated in the monitoring effort (unsuccessful in the November 21, 2004 election). Not big news in Maryland, but very important to Ukraine.

I am preparing a separate list of persons I would like you to send an announcement to .

Many thanks,

Sincerely

Joseph D. Tyding

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Subject:

Congratulations and Thanks to Senator Joe Tydings

As you all know, our own Senator Joe Tydings has long been a champion of democracy, serving in the US Senate and Maryland Legislature. So when Joe had an opportunity to support the spread of freedom in the Ukraine by serving as a monitor in the November and December Ukraine Presidential Elections, there was no doubt that he would jump at the task.

In November, Joe was among a six-person delegation of former US Congresspersons that volunteered to observe and report on the preparations and voting of Ukraine's November 21 presidential election. Joe and other observers reported corrupt and fraudulent voting practices, which eventually led to the Ukrainian parliament and Supreme Court declaring the election invalid. A new election was scheduled for December 21. Joe was Chairman of a 31-member delegation of Former U.S. Congresspersons and European Parliamentarians who returned to Ukraine from December 23-29 to monitor the December 26 election. His delegation prepared for the re-election with a series of briefings and traveled to their assigned districts to meet with judges and other election officials and monitors prior to December 26. On the day of the election, they monitored the voting, watched the counting of ballots, and traveled with the ballots as they made their way to the territorial election headquarters.

Dickstein Shapiro is very proud of Joe and his efforts, and his service to our country. Joe has offered to give a presentation for all those interested about the Ukraine elections and the challenges and prospects of Ukraine achieving a free and democratic government and a true market economy on its difficult road to democracy. Please join us on February 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in Kauffman conference center, for this brown bag lunch presentation and Q&A session. The presentation will be videoconferenced to the New York office (47 A).



January 3, 2005

Dear Joe:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for traveling to Ukraine to observe and report on the preparations and voting on December 26. President Bush has said that the United States has no greater responsibility than to support the spread of freedom throughout the world. That includes continuing to support those countries in Eastern Europe which began down the path of democracy nearly fifteen years ago.

The December 26 voting, and the events that preceded it, marked a watershed for Ukraine and its citizens. As you know, the United States did not support any specific candidate. Our candidate was the Ukrainian people, and we were determined to help ensure that the Ukrainian people were free to choose their own leader without intimidation or fear, from outside or within. The international observer mission, spearheaded by you and your colleagues in the Association, played a vital role in that effort.

I know how difficult it is to be away from home for the holidays and I salute your willingness to forego the normal comforts of the holiday season to help the Ukrainian people. I am sure that watching them realize their aspirations for freedom constituted its own unique reward, one in keeping with the spirit of the season.

Sincerely.

The Honorable Joseph Tydings Dickstein, Shapiro, Morin & Oshinsky, LLP 2101 L Street Northwest Washington, D.C. 20037-1526

UKRAINE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MONITORING PROJECT. **DECEMBER 22-29, 2004**

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3 Congressman Chester Atkins D-MA 4 *Congressman James Bilbray D-NV 5 *Congressman Samuel Coppersmith D-AZ 6 Congressman Robert Drinan D-MA 7 *Congressman Arlen Erdahl R-MN 8 Congressman Orval Hansen R-ID 9 Congressman Elizabeth Holtzman D-NY ✓10 Congressman William Hudnut R-IN 11 Congressman Richard Mallary R-VT

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Former European Parliamentarians

1 The Honorable Cees Bremmer	Netherlands
2 The Honorable Birgit Daiber	Germany
√ 3 The Honorable Michael McGowan	UK
4 The Honorable Roy Perry	UK Y/
5 *The Honorable Jose Posada	Spain 7
6 The Honorable Ole Sorensen	Denmark
7 *The Honorable Maartie Van Putten	Netherlands

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